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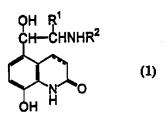
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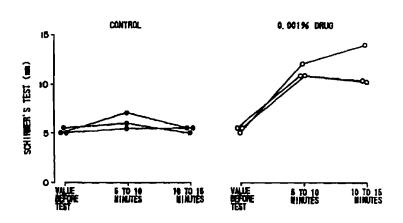
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(54) Title: METHOD OF PREVENTING AND TREATING OPHTHALMIC INFLAMMATION AND/OR WOUND

(57) Abstract

A preventive and a remedy for ophthalmic inflammation and/or wound, which comprises at least one selected from carbostyril derivatives represented by formula (1), wherein R1 and R2 respectively indicate a lower alkyl group, and a bond between carbons of a carbostyril skeleton at the 3- and 4-positions indicates a single bond or a double bond, and salt thereof as an active ingredient.





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METHOD OF PREVENTING AND TREATING OPHTHALMIC INFLAMMATION AND/OR WOUND

<Technical Field>

This invention relates to a method of preventing and treating ophthalmic inflammation and/or wound.

<Background Art>

In Japanese Patent Publication No. 60-26784, there is disclosed that carbostyril derivatives represented by the formula (1):

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[wherein R¹ and R² respectively indicate a lower alkyl group, and a bond between carbons of a carbostyril skeleton at the 3-and 4-positions indicates a single bond or a double bond] or salts thereof are effective as bronchodilators, peripheral vasodilators and antihypertensive drugs. Also, in U.S. Patent No. 4,322,425, there is disclosed that the above compounds are effective as remedies for glaucoma. Furthermore, in Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 64-52727, there is disclosed that the above compounds are useful as antiallergic eye drops.

However, ophthalmic inflammation and/or wound are caused by not only allergy, but also factors other than allergy. Thus, there have hitherto been required to develop

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excellent remedies for ophthalmic inflammation and/or wound caused by factors other than allergy.

<Disclosure of the Invention>

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The inventors have intensively studied about the carbostyril derivatives represented by the formula (1) or salts thereof. As a result, it has been found that the carbostyril derivatives or salts thereof, particularly 8hydroxy-5-(1-hydroxy-2-isopropylaminobutyl)carbostyril hydrochloride accelerate the growth of various ophthalmic tissue cells such as ectocorneal cells, conjunctival cells, keratocytes, corneaendothelial cells, scleral fibroblasts, etc., and inhibit the destruction of the blood-aqueous humor shelf or the increase of the thickness of the cornea, whereby they are effective for various ophthalmic inflammations and/or wounds which are not related to allergy. Further, it has also been found that these compounds accelerate an increase in amount of lacrimal fluid and are extremely effective for hypolacrima alone or hypolacrima attended with various ophthalmic inflammations and/or wounds which are not related to allergy, keratoconjunctivitis sicca, xerosis of eye caused by insertion of contact lens, or Sjogren's syndrome. This invention has been accomplished based on the above knowledge.

That is, this invention provides a preventive and a remedy for ophthalmic inflammation and/or wound, which comprises carbostyril derivatives represented by the formula

(1) or salts thereof, particularly 8-hydroxy-5-(1-hydroxy-2-isopropylaminobutyl)carbostyril hydrochloride as an active ingredient.

The preventive and remedy for ophthalmic inflammation and/or wound of this invention can be 5 suitably used for ophthalmic inflammations and/or wounds other than allergic ophthalmic diseases, for example, blepharitis, conjunctivitis, keratitis, scleritis, episcleritis, uveitis of anterior eye part, postoperative inflammation, chronic 10 conjunctivitis, vernal conjunctivitis, lamellar keratitis, blepharitis marginalis, acute conjunctivitis, secretory epiphora, herpes corneae, prevention of corneal xerosis and protection of corneal disorder during an ophthalmic operation, intraocular irrigation (perfusion) and ablution upon 15 ophthalmic operation (e.g. cataract, corpus vitreum, glaucoma, etc.), intraoperative miosis caused during cataract operation, postoperative inflammatory presentation, intraoperative/postoperative complication, hypolacrima, karatoconjunctivitis sicca, xerosis of eye due to insertion of 20 contact lens, or Sjogren's syndrome.

<Brief Description of Drawings>

Fig. 1 is a graph illustrating the results of the pharmacological test 1.

Fig. 2 is a graph illustrating the results of the pharmacological test 2.

Fig. 3 is a graph illustrating the results of the pharmacological test 3.

Fig. 4 is a graph illustrating the results of the pharmacological test 4.

5 <Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention>

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In the above formula (1), the lower alkyl group represented by \mathbb{R}^1 and \mathbb{R}^2 include a straight- or branched-chain alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, hexyl and the like.

Among the compounds (1) to be used as the active ingredient in this invention, a compound containing an acid group can form a salt with a pharmacologically acceptable basic compound. Examples of the basic compound include metal hydroxides such as sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, lithium hydroxide, calcium hydroxide, etc.; alkali metal carbonates or bicarbonates such as sodium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, etc.; alkali metal alcoholates such as sodium methylate, potassium ethylate, etc. Further, among the compounds (1) to be used as the active ingredient in this invention, a compound having a basic group can form a salt easily with a pharmacologically acceptable acid. Examples of the acid include inorganic acids such as sulfuric acid, nitric acid, hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, etc.; organic acids such as acetic acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, ethanesulfonic

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acid, oxalic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, citric acid, succinic acid, benzoic acid, etc. In this invention, acid addition salts are particularly preferred.

Examples of the carbostyril derivative represented by the formula (1) include the followings.

8-Hydroxy-5-(1-hydroxy-2-isopropylaminobutyl) carbostyril

The preventive and remedy for ophthalmic inflammation and/or wound of this invention are 10 prepared into a suitable dosage unit form by mixing the carbostyril derivative represented by the formula (1) or a salt thereof with a conventional carrier for ophthalmic preparation. As a dosage unit form, various normal forms can be optionally used. Examples of the form for local 15 administration include ophthalmic ointment, eye drop, intraocular irrigating solution, etc., and examples of the form for general administration include tablet, granule, injection, It is particularly preferred that the drug of this invention is prepared into the form of eye drop or intraocular 20 irrigating solution.

The dose of the drug of this invention is not specifically limited, and it is advantageous that an amount of the active ingredient in the drug may be normally administered to an adult patient 2 to 3 times per day with a dairy dose of 0.01 to 0.5 mg, preferably 0.05 to 0.1 mg. Further, it is

is normally within a range of 0.04 to 2 % by weight.

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preferred that an amount of the active ingredient in the drug

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using a normal method. For example, it is produced by mixing the carbostyril derivative represented by the formula (1) or a salt thereof as the active ingredient with a suitable base, and adding excipients, if necessary. In case of ophthalmic cointment, eye drop, injection, etc., the drug of this invention is produced by subjecting to an additional sterilization treatment. The base to be used may be suitably selected according to the form of the drug. For example, when the ophthalmic cintment is produced, conventional emulsifiable bases, water-soluble bases, suspending bases, etc. can be used. Typical examples of the base include white vaseline, purified lanolin, liquid paraffin and the like. When the eye drop is produced, sterilized distilled water can be typically used as the base.

Further, solubilizers, stabilizers, buffering agents, antioxidants, antiseptics, etc. can also be blended in the drug of this invention. Examples of the solubilizer include polyoxyethylene glycol ethers such as sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, polyoxyethylene lauryl ether, polyoxyethylene oleyl ether, etc.; polyoxyethylene fatty acid esters such as polyethylene glycol monolaurate, polyethylene glycol higher fatty acid esters, polyoxyethylene sorbitan

monolaurate, polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate, etc.

Examples of the stabilizer include hydroxypropylmethyl
cellulose, polyvinyl alcohol, carboxymethyl cellulose,
hydroxyethyl cellulose, glycerin, EDTA and the like. Examples
of the buffering agent include sodium hydrogenphosphate,
potassium hydrogenphosphate, boric acid, sodium borate, citric
acid, sodium citrate, tartaric acid, sodium tartrate and the
like. Examples of the antioxidant include sodium bisulfite,
sodium thiosulfite, ascorbic acid and the like. Examples of
the antiseptic include chlorobutanol, benzalkonium chloride,
cetylpyridinium chloride, phenylmercury salt, thimerosal,
phenethyl alcohol, methylparaben, propylparaben and the like.

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When the drug of this invention has the form of the eye drop, it is preferred that the eye drop is isotonized with the lacrimal fluid. Therefore, it is preferred to add isotonicities such as sodium chloride, etc., if necessary. It is desirable to adjust the pH of the eye drop within a range of 5.5 to 8.5, preferably 6.5 to 7.5.

The drug of this invention thus obtained is administered using various administration methods according to the dosage unit form. In case of eye drop, it is dropped into eyes through a suitable eye dropper or sprayed to eyes through a spraying device. In case of ophthalmic ointment, it is applied into eyes. In case of tablet, granule, etc., it is orally administered. In case of injection, it is

subcutaneously, intramuscularly or intravenously administered. In any case, a desired effect can be obtained, similarly.

Furthermore, when applying this invention to an intraocular irrigating solution, it can be prepared using components which have normally been used in that technical field. It is preferred that the concentration of the carbostyril derivative represented by the formula (1) or a salt thereof in the intraocular irrigating solution is about 10^{-5} to 10^{-8} M, and the intraocular irrigating solution can be suitably used for ophthalmic operation, washing, etc. The irrigation may be normally conducted once a day. <Examples>

Preparation Examples and Pharmacological Test Examples will be described hereinafter.

15 Preparation Example 1

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8-Hydroxy-5-(1-hydroxy-2-isopropylaminobutyl)

	carbostyril hydrochloride	0.2	g
	Benzalkonium chloride	0.01	g
	Sodium dihydrogenphosphate	0.56	g
20	Potassium dihydrogenphosphate	0.8	g
	Distilled water	suitable amou	int

Total 100 ml

The above ingredients were dissolved in distilled water, and then the resulting solution was sterilized and

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filtered with a suitable filter paper to produce a drug in the form of eye drops of this invention.

Preparation Example 2

8-Hydroxy-5-(1-hydroxy-2-isopropylaminobutyl)

5	carbostyril hydrochloride	0.1 g
	Lactose	55 g
	Corn starch	22 g
	Crystal cellulose	22 g
	Methyl cellulose	0.8 g

The above ingredients were mixed using a normal method, and then the resulting mixture was subjected to press molding to produce 1000 tablets.

Pharmacological Test 1

(lacrimal fluid increasing action test)

Nictitating membranes of New Zealand White domestic rabbits were excised and animals having no eye abnormality were selected. Tests were initiated after one week. An amount of lacrimal fluid was measured by using a modified primary process of Schirmer's test. That is, the domestic rabbit was fixed to a cylindrical fixing device and, after the animal calmed down, 50 \(mu\)1 of 0.4 % oxybuprocaine hydrochloride (0.4 % Benoxil, manufactured by Santen Seiyaku Co., Ltd.) was instilled into the right eye. After two minutes, 50 \(mu\)1 of a drug [8-hydroxy-5-(1-hydroxy-2-isopropylaminobutyl)carbostyril hydrochloride (Procaterol

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hydrochloride) dissolved into a distilled water at a concentration of 0.001 % by weight] was also instilled into the right eye. Five minutes after instillation of the drug, a piece of Schirmer test paper was inserted into the inferior ophthalmic conjunctiva part. Five minutes later, the Schirmer test paper was removed to measure the length of the part of the paper wet with tear (for five minutes between 5 and 10 minutes after instillation of the drug). Furthermore, a Schirmer test paper was again inserted into the inferior ophthalmic conjunctiva part to measure the amount of lacrimal fluid from 10 to 15 minutes after instillation of the drug.

The results are shown in Fig. 1.

Pharmacological Test 2

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(growth acceleration activity test to various cells)

(1) Sampling of tissue

New Zealand White domestic rabbits were slaughtered by intravenously administering 250 mg of pentobarbital and their eyeballs were excised. After the tunica conjunctiva bulbi was removed, the cornea and sclera were separated using ophthalmic scissors. The cornea was placed in phosphate buffered saline (PBS) and the Descemet's membrane was removed using tweezers under stereoscopic microscopy. The cornea sampled from the eyeball was sufficiently washed with PBS and the cells were cultured by the following method to measure the growth acceleration activity of the drug [8-hydroxy-5-(1-

hydroxy-2-isopropylaminobutyl)carbostyril hydrochloride (Procaterol hydrochloride)] on the respective cells.

(2) Ectocorneal cells

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A piece 2 to 3 mm square of the cornea was made from the cornea using a razor. The piece of the cornea was closely placed on a dish for tissue culture and, after a Dulbecco modified Eagle's medium F12 (DME/F-12, 1:1) containing 10 % fetal calf serum (FCS), 10 ng/ml of an epidermal growth factor (EGF) and 10 μ g/ml of insulin was added, it was cultured at 37 °C in 5 % CO₂ for two days. After the piece of the cornea was removed, the culturing was conducted for three additional days. The removed piece of the cornea was used for culturing keratocytes.

(3) Keratocytes

A piece of the cornea was closely placed on a dish for tissue culture and, after a Dulbecco modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) containing 10 % FCS was added, it was cultured at 37 $^{\circ}$ in 5 % CO₂ to obtain growth-out keratocytes from the piece of the cornea.

(4) Measurement of growth acceleration activity

The respective cultured cells were subjected to a

0.25 % trypsin-0.01 % EDTA treatment to disengage the cells

from the surface of the dish. The disengaged cells were

suspended in the medium used for culturing the respective

cells and, after centrifuging at 1000 rpm for five minutes,

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the medium was removed under vacuum. The cell pellets were again suspended in the medium, and the cell density was adjusted to 4 x 10⁴ cells/ml. The cells (0.51 ml/well) were then inoculated in a cell culture plate with 24 holes and cultured overnight at 37 °C in 5 % CO₂. After exchanging with fresh medium, 5 μ l/well (n=3) of a dilution series (2 x 10⁻⁵M, 2 x 10⁻⁴M, 2 x 10⁻³M and 2 x 10⁻²M) of an aqueous solution of a drug [8-hydroxy-5-(1-hydroxy-2-isopropylaminobutyl)carbostyril hydrochloride] was added and the cells were cultured for two to three days. Then, 30 μ l/well of a 0.2 % solution of 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-

culturing for four hours, 150 μ 1 of a 20 % SDS (sodium dodecyl sulfate) solution was added to dissolve the cells. The absorbance (570 nm, control: 690 nm) of the cell-dissolved solution was measured. Furthermore, a solution obtained according to the same manner as that already described except that no drug was added was used as the control. The potency

of the drug was calculated according to the following formula:

2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) was added and, after

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The results are shown in Fig. 2.

Pharmacological Test 3

(action of the carbostyril derivative of formula (1) on bloodaqueous humor shelf after ophthalmic operation of rabbit)

Rabbits (New Zealand White derivation, weight of 2 to 3 kg) were preliminary bred for about one week and anesthetized by intravenously administering pentobarbital. Then, a carbostyril derivative [i.e., 8-hydroxy-5-(1-hydroxy-2-isopropylaminobutyl)carbostyril hydrochloride (Procaterol hydrochloride)] was dissolved in physiological saline at a different concentration of 10⁻⁸ M, 10⁻⁷ M, 10⁻⁶ M and 10⁻⁵ M and the irrigating solution thus obtained was subjected to irrigation of the anterior chamber to measure the amount of protein in an eluate from the anterior chamber using a Blo Rad protein assay.

- The results are shown in Fig. 3. As apparent from Fig. 3, the destruction of the blood-aqueous humor shelf after operation was inhibited in dependence on the dose by adding the carbostyril derivative to an intraocular irrigating solution. Pharmacological Test 4
- 20 (action of the carbostyril derivative of formula (1) on edema of cornecsclera fragment extracted from rabbit)

Rabbits (New Zealand White derivation, weight of 2 to 3 kg) were preliminary bred for about one week and slaughtered by intravenously administering pentobarbital.

25 Then, eyeballs were extracted to prepare a corneosclera

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fragment. A carbostyril derivative [i.e., 8-hydroxy-5-(1-hydroxy-2-isopropylaminobutyl)carbostyril hydrochloride (Procaterol hydrochloride)] was dissolved in physiological saline at a concentration of 10⁻⁶ M and the irrigating solution thus obtained was subjected to irrigation of the corneal endothelium side to measure the thickness of the cornea using an Ultrasonic Pachymeter.

The results are shown in Fig. 4. In Fig. 4, "\(\triangle \)
Thickness" means the increased thickness of the cornea. As apparent from Fig. 4, the corneal transition of the aqueous humor attended with disorder endothelialis cornea was prevented by adding the carbostyril derivative to an intraocular irrigating solution, which results in inhibition of the increase of the thickness of the cornea attended with corneal edema.

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CLAIMS

1. A method of preventing or treating ophthalmic inflammation and/or wound, which comprises locally or generally administering a drug containing at least one selected from carbostyril derivatives represented by the formula:

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wherein R¹ and R² respectively indicate a lower alkyl group, and a bond between carbons of a carbostyril skeleton at the 3-and 4-positions indicates a single bond or a double bond, and salts thereof as an active ingredient, provided that the preventive and remedy for ophthalmic inflammation due to allergy are excluded.

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2. A method of increasing lacrimal fluid, which comprises locally or generally administering a drug containing at least one selected from carbostyril derivatives and salts thereof defined in claim 1 as an active ingredient.

3. A method of intraocular irrigation and ablution

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- upon ophthalmic operation, which comprises locally or

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defined in claim 1 as an active ingredient.

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generally administering a drug containing at least one selected from carbostyril derivatives and salts thereof

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- 4. A method of accelerating the growth of ophthalmic tissue cells such as ectocorneal cells, conjunctival cells, keratocytes and scleral fibroblasts, which comprises locally or generally administering a drug containing at least one selected from carbostyril derivatives and salts thereof defined in claim 1 as the active ingredient.
- 5. A method of preventive or treating 10 blepharitis, conjunctivitis, keratitis, scleritis, episcleritis, uveitis of anterior eye part, postoperative inflammation, chronic conjunctivitis, vernal conjunctivitis, lamellar keratitis, blepharitis marginalis, acute 15 conjunctivitis, secretory epiphora, herpes corneae, corneal xerosis and corneal disorder during an ophthalmic operation, intraoperative miosis caused during a cataract operation, postoperative inflammatory presentation, intraoperative/postoperative complication, hypolacrima, 20 karatoconjunctivitis sicca, xerosis of eye due to insertion of contact lens, or Sjogren's syndrome, which comprises locally or generally administering a drug containing at least one selected from carbostyril derivatives and salts thereof defined in claim 1 as an active ingredient, provided that 25 ophthalmic inflammation due to allergy is excluded.

- 6. A method of inhibiting the destruction of a blood-aqueous shelf, which comprises locally or generally administering a drug containing at least one selected from the carbostyril derivatives defined in claim 1 and salts thereof as an active ingredient.
- 7. A method of inhibiting the increase of the thickness of cornea, which comprises locally or generally administering a drug containing at least one selected from the carbostyril derivatives defined in claim 1 and salts thereof as an active ingredient.
- 8. A method according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the active ingredient is 8-hydroxy-5-(1-hydroxy-2-isopropylaminobutyl)carbostyril hydrochloride.
- 9. A preventive and a remedy for ophthalmic inflammation and/or wound, which contains at least one selected from carbostyril derivatives represented by the formula:

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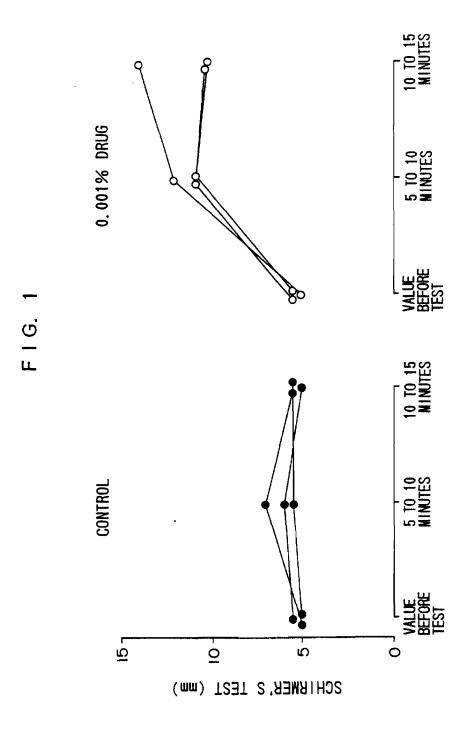
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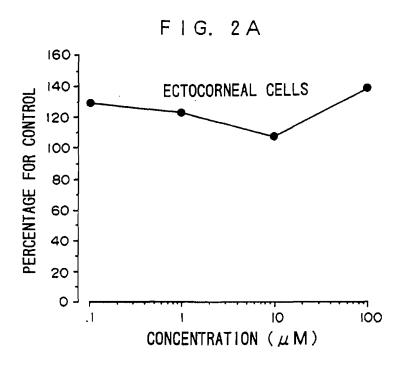
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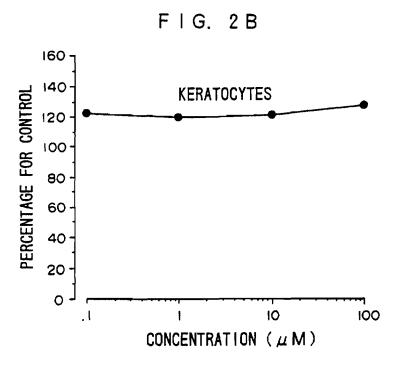
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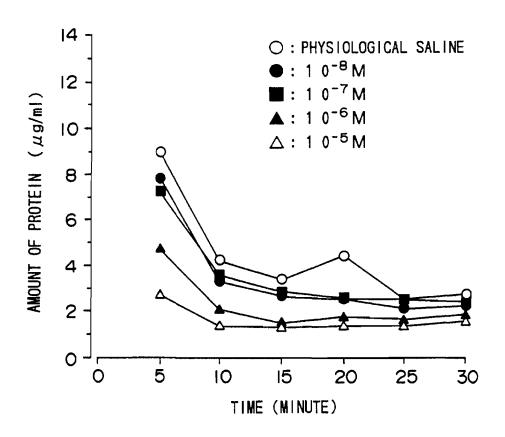
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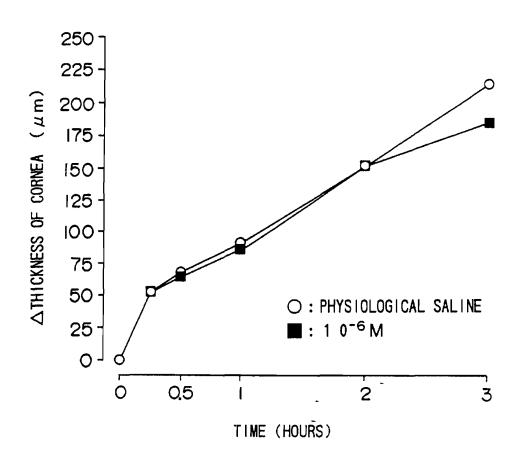
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3.	Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).
Box II	Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)
This Inte	ernational Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
1.	As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2.	As all searchable claims could be searches without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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4.	No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
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